

MINUTES OF THE TRI-BASIN NRD BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 1:30 p.m.
Tri-Basin Natural Resources District

The regular monthly board meeting of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (NRD) was called to order by Chairman, Bradley Lundeen, at 1:30 p.m. Lundeen noted Public Meeting Law is posted in the boardroom.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken with twelve directors present: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris (Zoom), Hinrichs, Larson, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds, Ryan and Lundeen. Cavanaugh was absent. Notice of the meeting was published in the Holdrege Citizen, Bertrand Herald, Elwood Bulletin and Minden Courier and announced on radio stations KRVN, Lexington and KUVR, Holdrege.

EXCUSE ABSENCES

There were no absences to excuse.

MINUTES

Thorburn presented the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting and January 6, 2021 Projects and Construction and Augmentation Committees. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Moved by Raffety, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2021 Projects & Construction Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2021 Augmentation Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Hinrichs presented the financial report for the month of January 2021 as follows:

Accrual Expenditures for Month	\$153,382.77
Cash Expenditures for Month.....	\$166,740.07
Accrual Revenues for Month.....	\$202,166.06
Cash Revenues for Month.....	\$274,197.82
Bank Balance—January 31, 2021.....	\$117,541.56
Accounts Receivable – January 31, 2021.....	\$1,078.27
Investments – Pinnacle Bank – January 31, 2021.....	\$114,552.44
Building Sinking Fund – January 31, 2021.....	\$185,256.87
Vehicle Sinking Fund – January 31, 2021.....	\$93,550.34
Water Resources Fund – January 31, 2021.....	\$613,973.06
Whiskey Slough IPA Balance – January 31, 2021.....	\$1,805.64
Fort Kearny-West IPA Balance – January 31, 2021.....	\$4,774.77
South Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2021.....	\$14,224.77
Fort Kearny IPA Balance – January 31, 2021.....	\$8,960.07
Sacramento Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2021.....	\$6,161.23
North Dry Creek IPA Balance – January 31, 2021.....	\$9,262.81

Water Jamboree – January 31, 2021-----	\$7,914.82
NRRMDA – January 31, 2021-----	\$7,636.17
Odessa IPA – January 31, 2021-----	\$19,306.11

Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the January 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

SPECIAL BILLS

Thorburn presented the VISA, attorney and PRD bills for approval. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

NRCS REPORT

FSA Farm Plans: There were no farm plans to approve.

Activity and Progress Report: Kerner reported staff is working on CSP/EQIP.

COST SHARE REPORT

Well Abandonment – Thorburn presented two well decommissioning cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

NSWCP & NRD Applications – Thorburn presented seven NSWCP cost-share applications to approve. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve seven NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

WCIP – Thorburn presented a WCIP application for John Keller. Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve a WCIP application for John Keller. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

Groundwater & Certified Acre Transfers - Thorburn presented a well variance request for Wayne Farr. Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve a Well Variance for Wayne Farr. Motion carried.

AYE: Bergstrom, Bilka, Garrelts, Grimes, Harris, Hinrichs, Larson, Lundeen, Philips, Raffety, Reynolds and Ryan

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Cavanaugh

Educational Land Leases – There were no educational land leases to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

The public was given the opportunity to bring other specific business or non-agenda items before the board for comment and/or discussion. Scott Dicke introduced himself as the new Water Services Manager for CNPPID.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2020 TAPS Competition – Pat Nott: Pat Nott gave a presentation on the 2020 Tapps Competition which TBNRD won an award for most efficient irrigators. TBNRD will participate again in 2021.

NARD REPORT

NARD Report: Reynolds reported on pending legislation and the NARD Legislative Conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Committee: The Planning Committee will meet Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. and will be an advertised meeting so additional board members can attend. The survey for Little Blue landowners will be the main topic.

STAFF REPORTS & NECESSARY ACTION

Board Directives to Staff: There were no directives to staff.

Out-of-State Travel: There was no out-of-state travel to approve.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Republican Basin: Nothing to report.

Platte Basin: Nothing to report.

Sand Creek/Little Blue Basin: Already Discussed.

North Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Odessa IPA: Nothing to report.

Sacramento Creek: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny: Nothing to report.

Fort Kearny West: Nothing to report.

South Dry Creek: Nothing to report.

Whiskey Slough: Nothing to report.

Middle Lost Creek: Nothing to report.

Lake Seldom: Nothing to report.

CoHyst/Platte Basin Coalition: Nothing to report.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture: Nothing to report.

Platte-Republican Diversion & Republican Basin Augmentation Well: Nothing to report.

CNPPID: Scott Dicke reported ice jams are being monitored.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Annual IPA Meetings: IPA Meetings are set for Friday March 5, at 9 am and 1 pm.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS

There were personnel or legal matters.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

TBNRD Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Brian Bergstrom, Joe Bilka, Todd Garrelts, David Grimes, Ed Harris (Zoom), Rob Hinrichs, Joe Larson, G. Reed Philips, Dave Raffety, Larry Reynolds, Jeff Ryan, and Brad Lundeen

OTHERS PRESENT

John Thorburn, Sasha Hahn, Pat Nott, Scott Dicke, Nolan Little, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Wayne Anderson, Carie Lynch and Cammie Kerner.

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Respectfully Submitted:

Carie Lynch, Asst. Secretary

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ID	Motion #	Category	Subject	Aye	Nay	Abstain	
	2021-02-09-01	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2021 Board of Directors meeting. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-02	Meeting Administration					Moved by Raffety, seconded by Ryan, to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2021 Projects & Construction Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
	2021-02-09-03	Meeting Administration					Moved by Larson, seconded by Raffety, to approve the minutes for the January 6, 2021 Augmentation Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
	2021-02-09-04	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Bilka, seconded by Raffety, to approve the January 2021 Financial Report, and submit for audit. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-05	Budget		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve the VISA, attorney and PRD bills. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-06	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Garrelts, seconded by Bilka, to approve two well decommissioning cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-07	Meeting Administration		12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Grimes, to approve seven NSWCP cost-share applications. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-08	Certification & Transfers	Keller	12			Moved by Raffety, seconded by Larson, to approve a WCIP application for John Keller. Motion carried.
	2021-02-09-09	Certification & Transfers	Farr	12			Moved by Reynolds, seconded by Bergstrom, to approve a Well Variance for Wayne Farr. Motion carried.